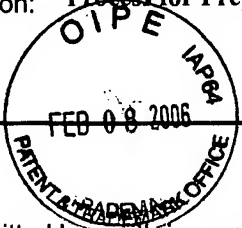
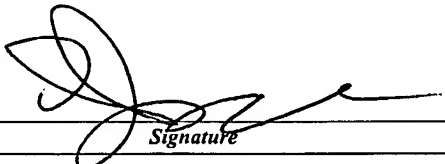
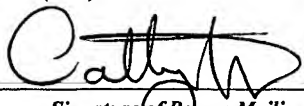


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Invention: <b>Process for Preparing Metal Salts of Unsaturated Short-Chain Carboxylic Acids and Use Thereof</b>						
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	<i>Carboxylic Acids and Use</i>	§		
	<i>Thereof</i>	§		

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Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.